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SUBJECT: AMIN TRIP TO UN

REQUEST BONN PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FRG FOR FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA.

1. UGANDAN CHARGE CONTACTED DEPT. SEPT. 25 REQUESTING PERMIT FOR ONE-TIME IMPORT OF FOODSTUFFS FROM UGANDA TO BE USED IN PREPARING BANQUET PRESIDENT AMIN WILL BE HOSTING IN NEW YORK. LIST INCLUDES FRESH CARCASSES OF BEEF, GOAT, LAMB AND LARGE ASSORTMENT OF TROPICAL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. UGANDA MISSION ALSO REQUESTED TO BRING IN 20 CASES OF WARAGI.

2. U.S. LAW PROHIBITS IMPORTATION FROM UGANDA OF NEARLY ALL MEATS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ON UGANDA LIST. RATIONALE OF LAW IS FEAR OF INTRODUCING FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND CERTAIN TROPICAL FRUIT DISEASES INTO US. LAW IS VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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STRICT AND CANNOT BE WAIVED. PROVISIONS OF LAW APPLY

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EQUALLY TO ALL COUNTRIES. THREE ITEMS ON LIST - ONIONS, PEANUTS AND MUSHROOMS - MAY BE IMPORTED WITHOUT PERMIT.

3. DEPT WISHES TO STRESS TO GOU THAT LAW APPLIES EQUALLY

TO ALL COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUALS, THAT IT IS STRICTLY ENFORCED AND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS IN ANY INSTANCE.

4. MOST ITEMS ON UGANDA LIST ARE COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK. PERHAPS LOCALLY AVAILABLE INGREDIENTS MAY BE USED TO PREPARE CUISINE FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

5. DUTIES AND IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS ON ALCOHOL WILL BE WAIVED FOR UGANDAN DELEGATION. GOU PARTY CAN BRING WARAGI OR ANY OTHER LIQUOR TO U.S.

6. UGANDA MISSION TO UN AND UGANDA EMBASSY WASHINGTON ADVISED OF USG DECISION SEPT. 26.

7. IN ORDER AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING IN KAMPALA, DEPT WISHES TO ADVISE GOU NOT RPT NOT TO TRANSPORT PROHIBITED MEAT, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT PORT OF ENTRY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO SEIZE AND DESTROY ANY PROHIBITED FOOD ITEMS.

8. REQUEST,THEREFORE, FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA INFORM APPROPRIATE GOU AUTHORITIES OF CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE ASAP, MAKING SURETHAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHY USG NOT ABLE TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO GOU REQUEST. KISSINGER

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